

CLERK: The amendment is a nine page amendment amending 77-2404 but the only change in it is as follows: Read Koch amendment. Amendment appears on page 1138 of the Legislative Journal.

SENATOR KOCH: Thank you Mr. Brown. We were speaking to this amendment yesterday as we were about to adjourn. In conferring with the Lt. Governor we were concerned to some degree the definition. In calling the University of Nebraska Dr. Borne, who is with the construction science department, this is his definition and believes that it is correct. We talk about solar systems, this is the way that it should be worded because it very specifically defines what that system would be at least according to the latest definition as they apply it to this subject matter. I request the adoption of this amendment. As I said yesterday it is an effort to motivate the citizens of this state to use these type of systems to supplement what we believed to be the conventional systems in terms of how we derive our heat, air conditioning, refrigeration. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Not on this issue.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I guess I have a question of Senator Koch. Senator Koch, I don't know....were those amendments printed in the Journal so that a person could look at them?

SENATOR KOCH: Yes they were.

CLERK: The new matter was printed in the Journal on page 1138.

SENATOR BARNETT: Alright. My question is this. What are we doing with an energy program in a food tax credit bill? I don't understand this at all.

SENATOR KOCH: Senator Barnett this subject matter is germane to the bill itself. We went to the section and it is stated in there and we merely added a section that would allow us to exempt solar systems from sales tax.

SENATOR BARNETT: It seems like it is two different subject matters all together to me and I think that there would be some serious question as to whether either one of them would be any good if we pass it in this area. Have you checked on it?

SENATOR KOCH: According to the information that we have the amendment is acceptable.

SENATOR BARNETT: How about laying it over for 24 hours so we could check it out. Would you be agreeable to that Senator Koch? I just can't understand how you can have two different subject matters in a bill like this, and this is definitely two different subject matters. Would you mind laying it over?

SENATOR KOCH: Well if you read the substance of the whole bill.